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BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR SENATOR WILSON:

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 30, 1985,  
CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL  
WALLENBERG. YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

REQUESTED YOUR  
ASSISTANCE ASCERTAINING THE FACTS SURROUNDING MR.  
WALLENBERG'S FATE.

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AS YOU RECALL, SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS

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INVOLVED IN HEROIC EFFORTS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION DURING WORLD WAR II. IN 1945, WHEN THE SOVIET ARMY OCCUPIED HUNGARY, MR. WALLENBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE SOVIETS. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREY GROMYKO HAS SINCE STATED THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN LUBYANKA PRISON IN JULY 1947.

NUMEROUS RUMORS ABOUT SIGHTINGS OF RAOUL WALLENBERG IN THE SOVIET GULAG HAVE RENDERED HIS FATE AN OPEN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION TO THIS DAY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES FIRMLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY--AND HAS REPEATEDLY SO STATED--THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS AN OBLIGATION TO THE WORLD TO EXPLAIN PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO RAOUL WALLENBERG. IF HE IS STILL ALIVE, HE SHOULD BE FREED FORTHWITH. IF HE IS NOT ALIVE, A COMPLETE AND DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND WHY IS OWED TO HIS FAMILY, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN, AND TO THE WORLD PUBLIC AT LARGE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS STRONG CONCERN ABOUT THE FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG. AFTER RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY AMERICAN (AN ACT THAT EMPHASIZES OUR RECOGNITION OF HIS DEEDS) WE MADE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AWARE FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY OF OUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO ASCERTAINING THE TRUTH ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG'S FATE. WE SHALL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL THE SOVIETS PROVIDE A FULL AND SATISFACTORY CLARIFICATION OF THEIR ACTIONS IN THIS CASE.

WE HAVE PRESSED THIS EFFORT BOTH ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND AT INTERNATIONAL FORA, SUCH AS THE CSCE REVIEW  
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CONFERENCE IN MADRID AND THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN TO TRY TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT HAVE COME TO LIGHT ABOUT WALLENBERG. WE CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN A PERSISTENT EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT WILL CLARIFY THE FATE OF THIS BRAVE MAN.

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION IS OF SOME HELP TO YOU. IF I

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CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER  
MATTER, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL UPON ME.

SINCERELY,  
ARTHUR A. HARTMAN  
END TEXT.  
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